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Note:

The proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search with respect to the amendment to claim 14 to replace "modified chemically defined growth medium" with "modified liquid medium containing a nutrient source, including new issues under 35 U.S.C § 112.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered to the extent that they pertain to the claims now of record but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

While the proposed amendment might remove the new matter, it raises new issues at least under 35 U.S.C § 112, regarding the nature of the "modification" intended and therefore is not entered at this time.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irene Marx whose telephone number is (571) 272-0919. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 .

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